

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the above-identified Office Action. The above listing of the claims supersedes any previous listing. Favorable reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Substitute Specification

In this response, it is proposed to submit a Substitute Specification wherein a large number of mainly stylistic and grammatical corrections have been made. It is submitted that the description is thus clarified without adding new matter. A Redline Specification which faithfully reflects all of the changes made in the Substitute Specification is also submitted. Favorable consideration and entry of the Substitute Specification is respectfully submitted.

It is noted with appreciation that the Examiner acknowledges that claims 11 and 12 recite allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 11 has been amended as an independent claim and, as such, it is believed that claims 11 and 12 are allowable. The cancellation of claims 1-10 and 13-19, is deemed to render the rejections under 35 USC §§ 102, 103, moot.

New Claims

New claims 20 to 23 are submitted for examination. Claim 20 is similar to claim 11 and is supported by the description as filed. Claim 23 is a computer program product claim based on claim 23. These newly presented claims are submitted as being allowable in that they contain subject matter which is neither disclosed in, nor rendered obvious by the art of record.

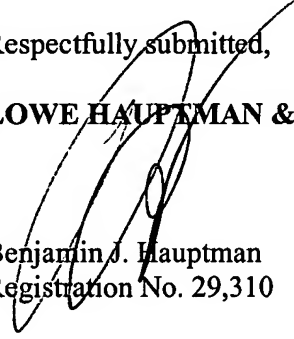
Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as they have been amended and newly submitted are allowable over the art which has been applied in this Office Action. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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